Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

We Claim:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method for distributing a plurality of <u>digital</u> ~~electronic~~ article ~~content~~ files <u>for a price within a micro-price range</u> ~~utilizing micro-pricing~~, comprising the steps of:

providing for receiving at a central computer first author information from a first client computer for establishing a first author account associated with and utilizing the first author information, the first author account having a first author account value, and the first author account having a first author identifier for at least logging into the central computer from the first client computer;

providing for receiving <u>at the central computer a first digital</u> ~~the electronic~~ article ~~content~~ file[[s]] from <u>~~a plurality of users~~ the first client computer, the first digital article file comprising a first digital article, wherein the first digital article file is associated with the first author identifier</u>;

providing for receiving at the central computer a first digital article micro-price within the micro-price range from the first client computer for establishing a first price to charge buyers for the first digital article;

providing for storing the ~~electronic~~ <u>first digital</u> article ~~content~~ file[[s]] in a memory associated with the central computer, the ~~electronic~~ <u>first digital</u> article ~~content~~ file[[s]] being retrievable from the memory;

~~providing for calculating an electronic article content file rating for one of the plurality of electronic article content files;~~

providing for receiving at the central computer second author information from a second client computer for establishing a second author account associated with and utilizing the second author information, the second author account having a second author account value, and the second author account having a second author identifier for at least logging into the central computer from the second client computer;

providing for receiving at the central computer a second digital article file from the second client computer, the second digital article file comprising a second digital article, wherein the second digital article file is associated with the second author identifier;

providing for receiving at the central computer a second digital article micro-price within the micro-price range from the second client computer for establishing a second price to charge buyers for the second digital article;

providing for storing the second digital article file in a memory associated with the central computer, the second digital article file being retrievable from the memory;

providing for receiving at the central computer first buyer information from a third client computer for establishing a first buyer account associated with and utilizing the first buyer information, the first buyer account having a first buyer account value, and the first buyer account having a first buyer identifier for at least logging into the central computer from the third client computer;

providing for receiving at the central computer a first buyer payment for increasing the first buyer account value from the third client computer;

providing for receiving ~~at the central computer~~ a request for the purchase of [[one of]] the ~~electronic~~ first digital article ~~content~~ file[[s]] from the third client computer ~~one of a plurality of users~~;

providing for debiting the first buyer account by decreasing the first buyer account value an amount relating to the first digital article micro-price;~~funding from an electronic funding account associated with the one of the plurality of users; and,~~

providing for crediting the first author account by increasing the first author account value an amount relating to the first digital article micro-price;

providing for transmitting the first digital ~~electronic~~ article ~~content~~ file to the ~~one of the plurality of users.~~ third client computer in response to the request for the purchase of the first digital;

providing for receiving at the central computer second buyer information from a fourth client computer for establishing a second buyer account associated with and utilizing the second buyer information, the second buyer account having a second buyer account value, and the

second buyer account having a second buyer identifier for at least logging into the central computer from the fourth client computer;

provding for receiving at the central computer a second buyer payment for increasing the second buyer account value from the fourth client computer;

providing for receiving at the central computer a request for the purchase of the second digital article from the fourth client computer;

providing for debiting the second buyer account by decreasing the second buyer account value an amount relating to the second digital article micro-price;

providing for crediting the second author account by increasing the second author account value an amount relating to the second digital article micro-price; and,

providing for transmitting the second digital article file to the fourth client computer in response to the request for the purchase of the second digital article.

2.   (Canceled)

3.   (Canceled)

4.   (Canceled)

5.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the memory comprises an index of the digital ~~electronic~~ article ~~content~~ files stored in the memory.

6.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 5, further comprising the step of:

providing for searching the index to locate one of the digital ~~electronic~~ article ~~content~~ files based on at least one of type, subject matter, author name, submitter name, title, date, and/or rating.

7.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of:

providing for receiving a revised version of one of the digital ~~electronic~~ article ~~content~~ files from one of the plurality of users.

8.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the steps of providing for receiving the first and second digital ~~electronic~~ article ~~content~~ files ~~from the plurality of users~~ comprises the step of:

providing for receiving a summary of the first and second digital ~~one of the electronic~~ article ~~content~~ files from first and second authors of the first and second digital articles, respectively ~~one of the plurality of users~~.

9.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of:

providing for generating a summary of the first and second digital ~~one of the electronic~~ article ~~content~~ files.

10.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of:

providing for classifying each of the first and second digital ~~one of the electronic~~ article ~~content~~ files received from first and second authors, respectively, ~~the plurality of users~~ based on at least one of type, subject matter, submitter name, title, author name, date, and/or rating.

11.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 10, wherein the step of classifying comprises:

providing for determining the type of the first and second digital ~~one of the electronic~~ article ~~content~~ files.

12.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 10, further comprising the step of:

providing for transmitting summaries of the first and second digital ~~electronic~~ article ~~content~~ files to first and second users, respectively ~~one of the plurality of users~~, the summaries sorted by at least one of type, subject matter, submitter name, title, author name, date, and/or rating.

13.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 10, further comprising the step of:

providing for establishing the price of the first and second digital ~~one of the electronic~~ article ~~content~~ files.

14.   (Canceled)

15.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 13[[4]], further comprising the step of:

providing for allowing the price of the first and second digital ~~limiting the submitter of the electronic~~ article ~~content~~ files to only be set within a predefined micro-price range by an author and/or submitter.

16.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 13[[0]], wherein the step of providing for establishing the price of the first and second digital ~~one of the electronic~~ article ~~content~~ files comprises the step of:

providing for determining the price based on at least length, date, author, subject matter, and/or type.

17.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of:

providing for preventing the purchase of the first and second digital ~~one of the electronic~~ article ~~content~~ files by the first and/or second buyers ~~one of the plurality of users~~ if the first and/or second buyers, respectively, ~~one of the plurality of users~~ does not have an established electronic funding account.

18.   (Currently Amended) The method Claim 1, wherein the step of providing for transmitting the first and second digital ~~electronic~~ article ~~content~~ files to the first and second buyers, respectively, ~~one of the plurality of users~~ each comprises providing for at least displaying the first and second digital ~~electronic~~ article ~~content~~ files on a Web site, electronically mailing the first and second digital ~~electronic~~ article ~~content~~ files, and/or providing the first and second digital ~~electronic~~ article ~~content~~ files for download.

19.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of:

providing for notifying the first and second authors of the first and second digital ~~submitter of the electronic~~ article ~~content~~ files, resepctively, that the first and second digital ~~electronic~~ article ~~content~~ files, respectively, have~~[s]~~ been purchased.

20.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 19, wherein the step of providing for notifying ~~the submitter of the electronic article content file that the electronic article content file has been purchased~~ comprises providing for at least displaying purchase information on a Web site and/or electronically mailing purchase information to the first and second buyers~~[user]~~.

21.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein each of the first and second digital ~~electronic~~ article ~~content~~ files has at least one of a type, a subject matter, an author name, a submitter name, a title, and/or a date, further comprising the step of:

providing for ranking the first and second digital ~~plurality of electronic~~ article ~~content~~ files according to [[for]] at least one of type, subject matter, author name, submitter name, title, and/or date.

22.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1 , further comprising the steps of ~~wherein the step of~~ providing for calculating a first [[the]] rating for the first digital article file [[is]] based on the number of times the first digital article file ~~one of the plurality of electronic article content files~~ has been purchased; and,

providing for calculating a second rating for the second digital article file based on the number of times the second digital article file has been purchased.

23.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 22[[1]], wherein the steps of providing for calculating the first and second ratings are each [[is]] based on buyer at least one user ratings received from at least one of the a plurality of buyers[[users]].

24. - 94. (Withdrawn)